



Rethinking scientific meetings: An imperative in an era of climate change

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Abstract:

Why should a journal specializing in neuroscience research related to psychiatry run an editorial related to climate change? Most neuroscience/psychiatry researchers are motivated by 2 main factors: a fascination with the workings of the human brain and a desire to do something that will in the long run play a role in reducing the suffering of psychiatric patients. When we behave in a way that may contribute negatively, even in a miniscule way, to psychiatric disorders, that is inconsistent with one of our main objectives. My argument is that climate change will contribute in an important way to psychopathology, and therefore neuroscience/psychiatry researchers should try to limit their carbon footprints. Travel by air to meetings is an important contributor to the carbon footprint of researchers.

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Resource Description

Communication: ☒

resource focus on research or methods on how to communicate or frame issues on climate change; surveys of attitudes, knowledge, beliefs about climate change

A focus of content

Communication Audience: ☒

audience to whom the resource is directed

Health Professional, Researcher

Exposure : ☒

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Unspecified Exposure

Geographic Feature: ☒

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

Geographic Location: ☒

resource focuses on specific location

Climate Change and Human Health Literature Portal

Global or Unspecified

Health Impact:

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

Mental Health/Stress

Intervention:

strategy to prepare for or reduce the impact of climate change on health

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Medical Community Engagement:

resource focus on how the medical community discusses or acts to address health impacts of climate change

A focus of content

Mitigation/Adaptation:

mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

Mitigation

Resource Type:

format or standard characteristic of resource

Policy/Opinion

Timescale:

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified